Southwest Area Overhead ROSS Self-Status in 2005

The Southwest Area, under direction from the Southwest Coordinating Group, will be requiring that all overhead, regardless of agency, use the Self-Status feature in ROSS to update and maintain availability. Implementation will take place prior to the 2005 fire season. The following are guidelines for ROSS self-statusing in the Southwest Area.

The zone or unit dispatch will initially be responsible for setting up usernames and passwords for each individual or their supervisor. Once a username and password are assigned to these individuals, it will be incumbent upon the resource to maintain their own availability and dispatch will no longer status these personnel except under extenuating circumstances.

Types of Overhead

There are instances where the dispatch office will have the discretion to determine the appropriate status method depending on the type of overhead resource. These will be divided into:

Single Resource Overhead Incident Management and Administrative Team Members (Agency) EFF / AD Overhead – Teams / Single Resource Engine / Handcrew / Helicopter Overhead

Single Resource Overhead

These individuals will be given a username and password by their dispatch office and will be required to status themselves via the internet. In some cases, a supervisor may be given the status rights for his/her subordinate personnel. The dispatch office and supervisor will decide on the best approach. The dispatch office will only assist in the case that the overhead is unable to perform this action.

Incident Management and Administrative Team Members (Agency)

This includes all Type One, Two, Fire Use, Buying, and Administrative Teams. All agency individuals on a team will be required to status themselves as Available – Local. When the team is inactive and free-lancing is allowed, each member will status as appropriate.

EFF / AD Overhead – Teams / Single Resource

The method of status for EFF / AD Overhead on teams and as single resources will be left up to the Zone or unit dispatch. The local dispatch will reserve the right to status AD's within the dispatch office. An AD that is currently committed to a team shall be shown as Available – Local.

Engine / Handcrew / Helicopter Overhead

The Zone or unit dispatch will status these individuals. These resources will typically show Available – Local or Unavailable. The Overhead availability for these resources is not to be confused with the resource itself.

Setting Up Overhead Self-Status – Single Resource

Within ROSS, access the Administration - User Accounts screen.

Scroll through the list to find individual to be set up for web status.

Note - If person needs to be created, go to the resource item screen and create the person, then proceed with the following steps.

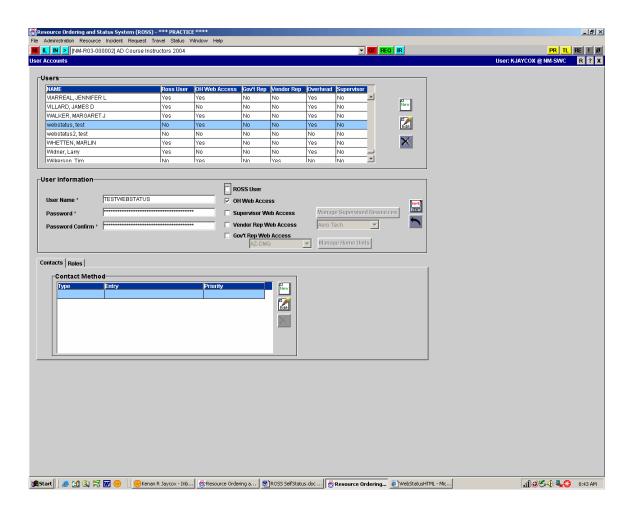
Highlight person and enter in a username and password.

Check the appropriate boxes to the right. Check box if they are a ROSS user.

Check box for OH Web Access. If the employee is not a supervisor or does not need a supervisor to web status for them, leave supervisor web access box unchecked.

Click save. *Note* - If this is a newly created overhead, enter contact information at the bottom of the screen.

Web status instructions for the individual are found on the following pages.



Setting Up Overhead Self-Status – Supervisor

Within ROSS, access the Administration - User Accounts screen.

Scroll through the list and locate the supervisor.

Highlight the supervisor and check the OH Web Access box and the Supervisor Web Access box.

Next, enter an e-mail address in the contact portion of the bottom of screen.

Then click save. Next click the Manage Supervised Resources button.

Enter in appropriate provider in the boxes and click search.

Pick supervised resources from the list and click Add.

When the supervisor logs into web status, the supervisor can click on My Status or Manage Supervised Employee Status.

Web Status instructions for supervisors are found in the following pages

If the Duty Officer is going to status personnel for a given agency unit, it is recommended that a generic record in the user account screen be set up in ROSS so that the username and password can be used by multiple individuals in the absence of the true supervisor.

For example Smokey Bear Ranger District profile:

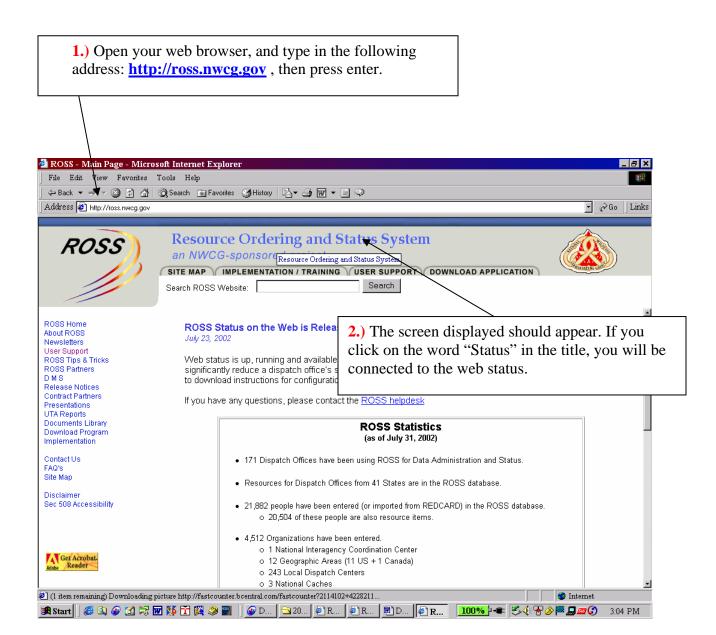
In the user account screen in ROSS, a new user would be entered.

Last Name: DUTY OFFICER

First Name: LNF-SMOKEY BEAR RD

Login: DUTYOFFICER **Password:** SMOKEYBEAR

ROSS WEB STATUS INSTRUCTIONS - INDIVIDUAL

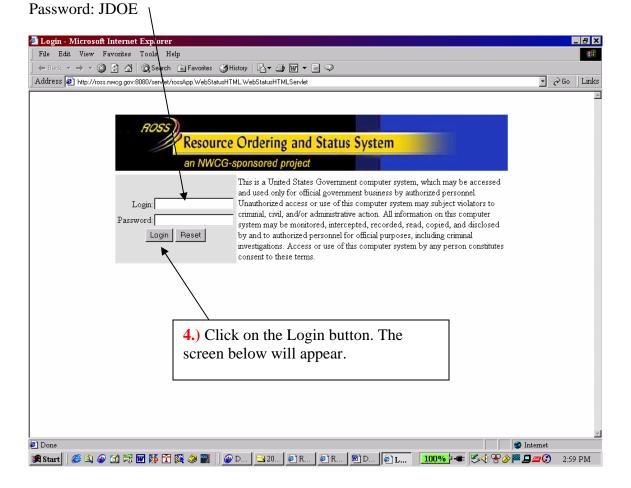


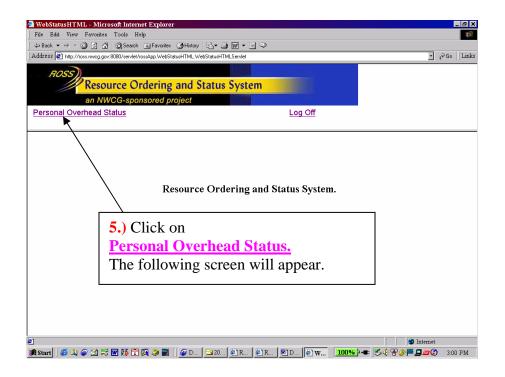
You may also go to http://www/fs.fed.us/r3/fire, click the dispatch link, then ROSS Self-Status.

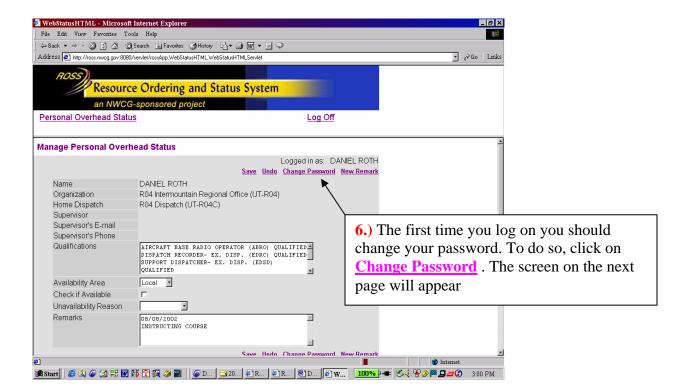
3.) Type in Login name and Password. To start your Login and Password are your first initial and your last name all in capital letters. Please change this to whatever you can remember the first time you log on.

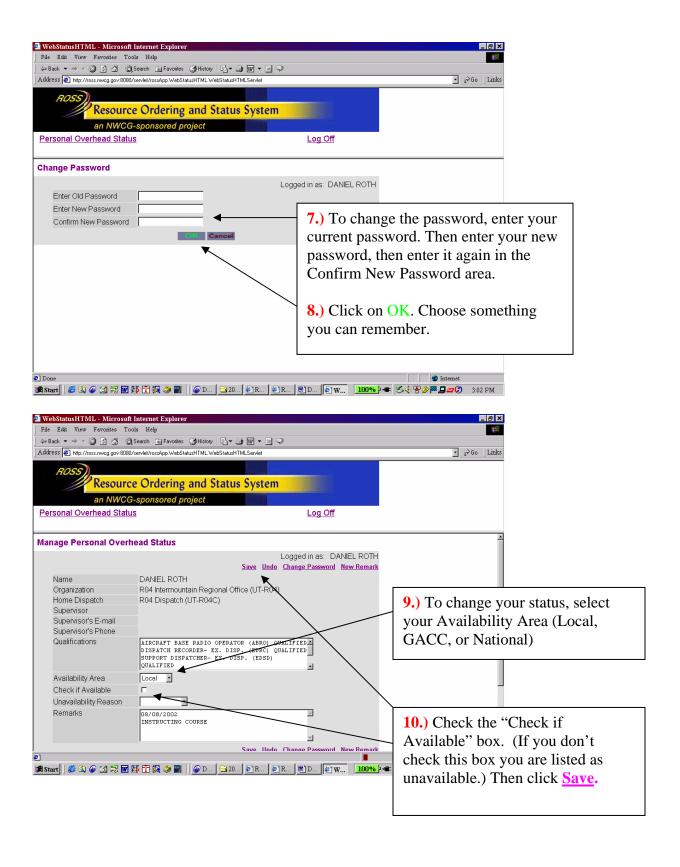
For example John Doe would initially have:

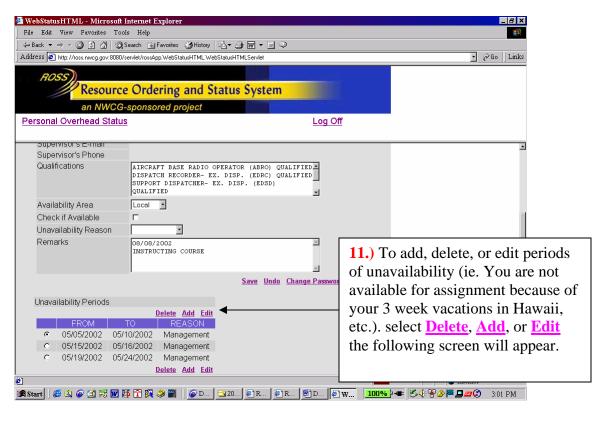
Login: JDOE

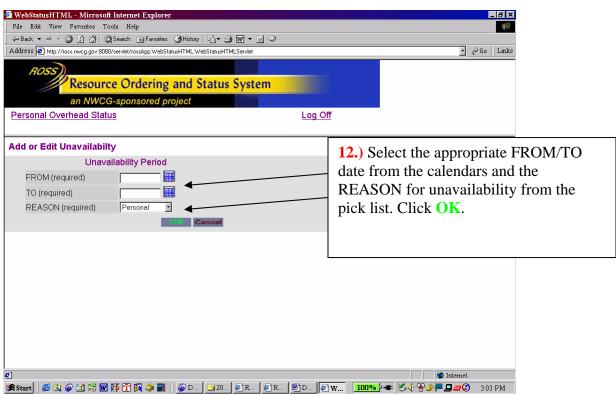


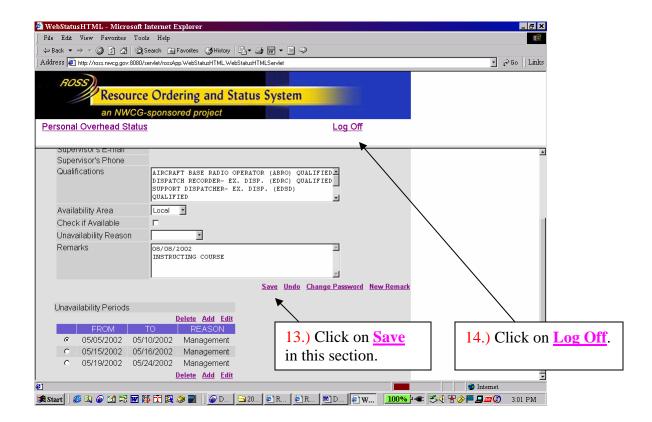






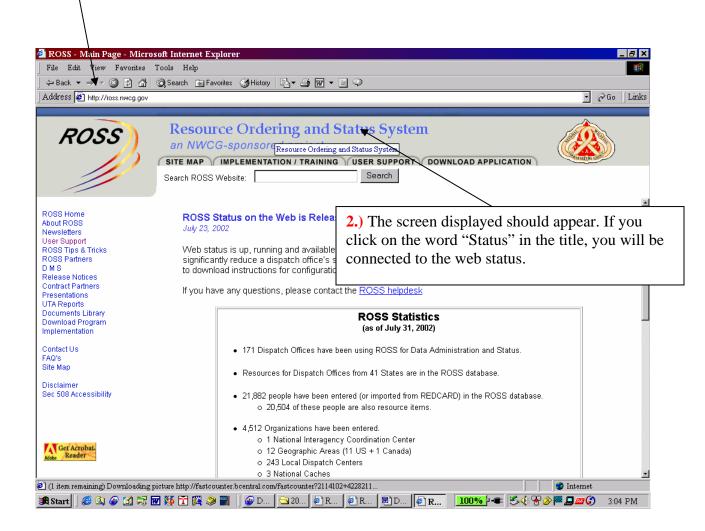






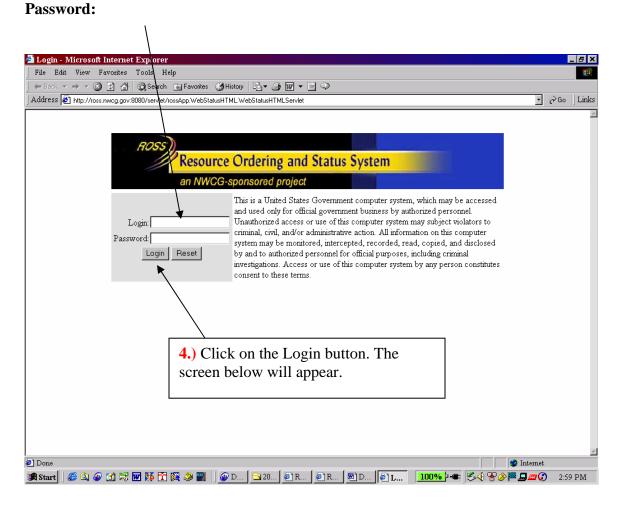
ROSS WEB STATUS INSTRUCTIONS - SUPERVISOR

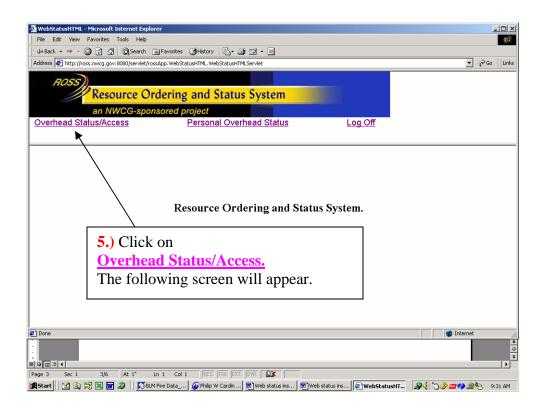
1.) Open your web browser, and type in the following address: http://ross.nwcg.gov, then press enter.

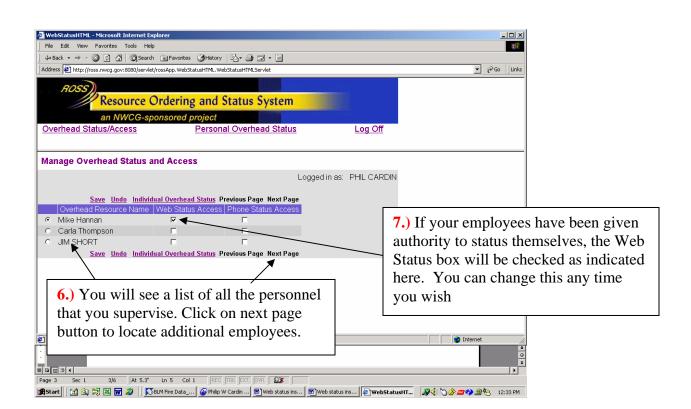


3.) Type in Login name and Password that has been established by dispatch in all capital letters.

Your profile: Login:







As the Supervisor you are going to be the one that changes the status for your subordinates, and you will need to do the following:

